

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 10/2/14

PRESENT Co-Chair: Juli Brazile; Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Ellen Callaway, Erika Riddington, Lisa Weil, Secretary: Pete Howard

MINUTES of 9/4/14 voted approved as corrected. Unanimous

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte discussed her monthly report (Ref 1). She added a small section "Imagine..." showing that a 25% food waste diversion would satisfy our diversion goal for 2020 based on FY2014 figures. She will add a predicted bar to the summary chart. She also formalized her 8 priorities for FY2015 and reported actions taken on each entry. She added 2 new entries to last month's list: Monitor dumpsters & Organics awareness.

Charlotte reported that Salem has 1500 HHs signed up for food scrap plus recycling. This is a town wide pilot program funded by a DEP grant. The hauler is Black Earth & the destination is a particular farm. Residents will have access to the resulting compost. Cambridge also has a pilot but it is limited to a few neighborhoods. Newton had a program planned but the mayor decided not to roll it out.

Charlotte is preparing to define rigid plastic for CCD. Ref 2 are preliminary drafts.

TOWN DAY 9/13: Charlotte's recycling setup attracted many people and would be worth repeating. The DPW/ARC booth was busy as always. Nearly all visitors accepted the 8.5x5.5 CCD handout. This seems to be an effective outreach effort. A volunteer engaging the public at the recycling bins might be effective. The Rethink Recycling handout was not available. Charlotte hopes to get on the Town Day Committee to influence matters of interest to us.

BUSINESS RECYCLING: Juli reported that she met with Health & Human Services Director Christine Bongiorno. Juli will prepare a simple survey that Christine will include in the annual license renewal letter sent to the haulers. The letter is scheduled to be mailed mid-November. There is a spreadsheet with the results of last year's survey of Arlington businesses posted as a google doc; she can share it with anyone who is interested.

RECYCLING ART SHOW: Juli asked Patsy Kraemer if we can reserve the gallery on the 2nd floor of Town Hall in April & May. The date should work, but Juli & Ellen need to meet with Patsy and show art samples to confirm details and lock in the show. Ellen is making plans. Photos will need captions.

VISIT TO E L HARVEY: Ellen spent 2 days photographing the recycling sorting facility. The personnel were welcoming and helpful. No other facility was interested in being photographed.

COOKING OIL: Ellen discovered that Zocalo restaurant gladly accepted her oil for recycling.

PROMOTIONAL IDEAS: Juli to make final edits to food waste article. Larry is doing an article on rigid plastic. Erika is considering an article on product life cycle issues.

QUESTION 2 BOTTLE BILL: Lisa asked for volunteers & support. Juli did not take a vote because the topic was not on the agenda. Lisa said that the main argument against the question - that an expanded bill is not needed because residents can use curbside recycling for non-carbonated beverage bottles - is invalid because many residents do not have access to this service. In addition, many people need an incentive to not discard bottles in public places.

NEXT MEETING 11/6/14 – Meetings held 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

Ref 1 Coordinator's Report

Ref 2 Draft rigid plastic definitions for CCD

Arlington Municipal Solid Waste Tonnage by Waste

	trash	recycling	yard waste
FY 2008	16,232	4,639	2,881
FY 2009	15,740	4,165	3,216
FY 2010	15,493	4,244	2,799
FY 2011	14,538	4,395	2,332
FY 2012	14,248	4,652	2,381
FY 2013	12,603	5,278	3,503
FY 2014	12,846	5,271	3,488

Mass MSW Master Plan Goals

baseline MSW - 2008
where we are in FY 2014
30% reduction by 2020
80% reduction by 2050

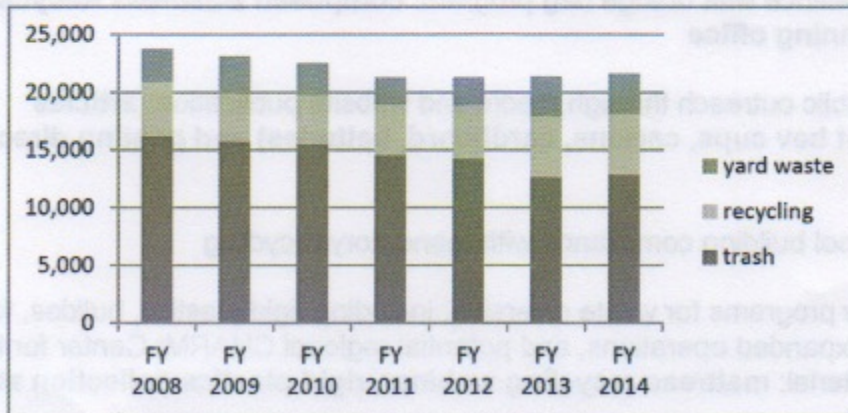
Arlington Goal

16,232 tons
12,846
11,362 tons
3,246 tons

Imagine...

waste diversion resulting tonnage

food (~25%) 12,174
" 9,635
" 8,522
" 2,597



Diversion
Rate for
FY 2014 40.5 percent

Monthly Totals

Month	SW Tons	Rec Tons
Sep.	1,042	451
Oct.	1,127	462
Nov.	1,049	430
Dec.	1,138	478
Jan. 2014	1,086	478
Feb.	880	350
March	970	402
April	1,131	460
May	1,148	441
June	1,081	481
July	1,149	463
August	1,032	413

ARC Expense Report

Date	Purchase	Cost proj.	Balance
7/1/2013	Starting bal \$3000		\$ 3,000
11/16/2014	Foam Recycling	250	\$ 2,750
5/9/2015	Foam Recycling	250	\$ 2,500

DPW Recycling Coordinator Action priorities
for end 2014 through 2015

1. Increase curbside monitoring of program compliance: **door hanger warnings will be tested, given new authority to issue fines**
2. Build on public space recycling opportunities/programs: **currently 21 bins placed in 16 locations**
3. Improve compliance and appearance of waste collection on Mass Ave, including business compliance with orange bag program: **composed *Business Recycling Guide* for planning office**
4. Continue public outreach through media and website publication: **articles published (hot bev cups, cartons, cardboard, batteries) and posting directly to website**
5. Monitor school building compliance with mandatory recycling
6. Explore new programs for waste diversion, including rigid plastics, bulkies, food waste, HHW expanded operations, and potential regional CHARM: Center for Hard to Recycle Material: **mattress recycling webinar, rigid plastics collection at next CCD day**
- * 7. Monitor dumpsters on Town program: **collecting data**
- * 8. Organics awareness: **working with Bishop School on compost program design**

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LARGE/BULKY RIGID PLASTICS RECYCLING DROP OFF

This project funded in part by a grant from the MassDEP.

YES RIGID PLASTICS are RECYCLABLE
PLEASE items must be **CLEAN & FREE** of RESIDUE



but please **NO METAL**

REMOVE AXLES, HANDLES, GRATES & MOTORS



Drop Off: Townsend Recycling Center
33 Greenville Road, Townsend

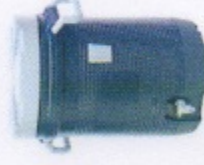
1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 7:00am to 2:00pm

Contact us for more specific information at: 978-597-1713
or Email us at: boardofhealth@townsend.ma.us

Community Collection Day

Saturday November 15 9am-1pm

Now collecting rigid plastic items for recycling



DPW yard

51 Grove Street

Enter from Mass Ave only

See the full list of collection day items at

www.arlingtonma.gov/recycle

